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On May 13, 2019 at 10:44 am, Tipp City Fire Department was notified of a chemical release at the water treatment plant at 525 S. 1st Street in Tipp City. The plant personnel were performing normal daily duties utilizing a forklift to carry a 330 gallon tote of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid. The tote dislodged from the forks, causing the tote to fall off the forks onto the ground. The container failed at upon impact.

The water department crews immediately began containment efforts. Storm water drains were protected from the liquid chemical entering. Water discharge was monitored for changes in the pH levels. The water system and supply was not affected by the spill. An evacuation was not needed at any time during the incident.

The fire crews performed an assessment of the spill area. They determined that Hazmat crews would need to secure the storm drains. Material was used to isolate the storm water drains. The Ohio EPA was consulted and was on scene. A cleanup contractor was called to dispose of the remnants and residual chemicals.

The Miami County Hazmat Team was called in for support, equipment and staff. Vandalia Fire, Vandalia Public works, and Tipp City Streets, Tipp City Police and Tipp City Parks all provided assistance during the incident.

All crews were released without incident.

No injuries were reported by staff or emergency crews.